

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL NO. 1:07CV377

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ASHEVILLE, N.C.
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
v.)	
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\$23,713.00 IN UNITED STATES)	
CURRENCY)	
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Defendant.)	
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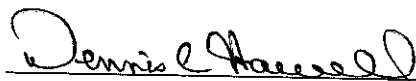
This matter is before the Court on a Motion by Claimants Cherokee Trading Post, Inc., Ivy, LLC and the owner of such entities, JACK WILLIS SHEPHERD, with counsel, not opposed by the United States, to enter a stay of this civil forfeiture case pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881(i) and 18 U.S.C. § 981(g), pending resolution of a related criminal investigation.

The Court FINDS that a stay is warranted at this time in order to protect the Fifth Amendment rights of JACK WILLIS SHEPHERD.

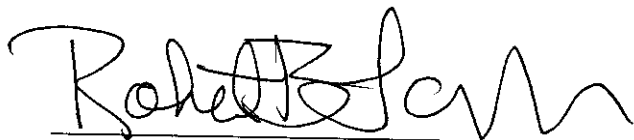
It is therefore ORDERED that this case is stayed until further order of the Court.

It is further ORDERED this stay shall be without prejudice to the rights of Cherokee Trading Post, Inc., Ivy, LLC and the owner of such entities, JACK WILLIS SHEPHERD, to file a claim, answer, and/or any other pleading or responsive motion within the time permitted by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the applicable time period or periods to begin running from the date the stay is lifted.

This the 15th day of January, 2008.



DENNIS L. HOWELL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

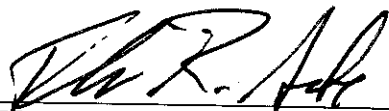


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